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**Environment Department to Offer Free Water Testing in Rio Rancho
Saturday May 7**

(Santa Fe, NM) - The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Ground Water Quality Bureau, in coordination with the City of Rio Rancho and OMI, Inc., will offer free testing of water from private domestic wells this Saturday, May 7, in Rio Rancho.

The free testing for pH, conductivity, organic vapors, nitrate, sulfate, fluoride, and iron will be held from 10 am to 3 pm at the Rio Rancho Public Library, 950 Pinetree Rd. SE.

In order to be tested, samples must be at least one quart in volume, freshly drawn from a cold water tap and brought in a covered, clean glass or plastic container that did not previously contain milk, pickles, juice, or other substances with a strong odor. If possible, samples should be collected before passing through any water treatment system, such as a water softener, reverse osmosis, or an activated carbon filter.

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